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Addendum

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Corrigendum

Page 2, paragraph 5, line 2

For the revised family law bill has been laid before the National Assembly read the Revision bill to the sex-discriminatory Family Law was passed in the National Assembly in December 1989 after a three-decade-old struggle by women's circles

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Paragraphs 82 and 83 should read

82. The revision bill to the sex-discriminatory Family Law was passed in the National Assembly in December 1989 after a three-decade-old struggle by women's circles. The amendment to the law is highly acceptable as it satisfies most of the demands voiced by the nation's female population. The brief contents are as follows:

- Adjustment of the confucian head-of-family system to reduce the family head's responsibility and power over the family and eliminate discrimination against women in the extended family system.
- Equality in determining the boundary of relatives to closer than third cousins on the husbands' and wives' sides.
- Adjustment of the property inheritance system to guarantee equal share among the children regardless of sex and order of birth.

- Rights to claim property by husband and wife based on the extent of one's contribution in saving up the fortune.
- Equality in exercising parental rights for husband and wife. The children custody which has been going automatically to the father's side upon divorce will be decided in court.

83. But a head-of-family system and a controversial ban of marriage between two people with a same surname and family origin still remain as the most difficult clauses to revise. But these are not an issue confined solely to women; these will gradually require a general consensus of the people and eventually lead to an all-out revision in the near future.